

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

NACO circulated guidelines for declaring HIV/AIDS of positive persons - Mention "Immuno deficiency" instead of HIV/AIDS in the underlying cause in the remarks column of Death Certificate issued by the Doctors - Orders – Issued.

**HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (L.1) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 290**

**Dated.20.10.2010**

**Read the following:-**

- (1) Memorandum No.T.11020/69/2006- NACO (ART) Dt. 05-08-2010
- (2) From the P.D., APSACS, Lr.Rc.No.1776/CCC/APSACS/AIDS/2010-11, Dt.04-09-2010.

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**ORDER:-**

The Department of AIDS control Society, NACO, G.O.I, New Delhi vide their memo 1<sup>st</sup> read above have framed and circulate guidelines regarding HIV/AIDS status of positive persons by courts of Law, Insurance Companies, Government Offices and other institutions.

2. The Project Director, Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, Hyderabad in his letter read above has brought the above circulated guidelines to the notice of Government stating that his circular is important while issuing Births & Death Certificates particularly while issuing Death Certificates by the Doctors in the hospitals, wherein it has to mention "underlying cause of death as Immuno deficiency" but not HIV/AIDS. As this circular has wider ramifications in dealing HIV/AIDS positive people, by the Project Director, Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society has requested the Government to issue orders in the matter to concerned Department.

3. Government felt that this is an extremely important matter given the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS. Moreover, clinically also "Immuno – deficiency" is a more accurate description of death.

4. Accordingly, all the concerned departments are requested to issue necessary instructions to the authorities under their control to follow the above guidelines of the Department of AIDS control, NACO, G.O.I., communicated in the memorandum first read above regarding declaring HIV/AIDS status of positive people while issuing Death Certificates mentioning the "Immuno deficiency" instead of HIV/AIDS in the "underlying cause" column of the death certificate issued by the Doctors in the hospitals.

5. All the concerned departments shall take further necessary action in the matter.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**J.SATYANARAYANA,**  
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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All HODs under the Control of Health, Medical &  
Family Welfare Department.  
The Women Development, Child Welfare &  
Disabled Welfare Department.  
The Social Welfare Department.  
The PR&RD (Rural Development) .  
The Home Department.  
The Law Department.  
The Education Department.  
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**//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**